

## S. Beirut embassy hit by rockets

BEIRUT, April 2 (Agencies) — The U.S. embassy in Beirut was hit by two armour-piercing rockets today, but nobody was injured, an embassy spokesman said. The spokesman said the rocket-propelled grenade (RPG) slammed into the first and fifth floors of the building on the seafront. Two rooms were badly damaged, but there was nobody in them at the time. The spokesman said the embassy had received no advance warning of the attack, and nobody had claimed responsibility. Lebanese troops left the building within minutes of the attack, but there were no other incidents and the spokesman said the embassy would be open for business as usual tomorrow. Later, a group calling itself "the Organisation of Arab People" said it was responsible for the attack. An anonymous caller read a statement to the newspapers which he said the group, unknown before now, "would hit more strongly at United States interests, agents and all traitors."

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## Israel captures commando boat

TEL AVIV, April 2 (R) — The military command announced today that Israeli forces have captured a freighter in the Mediterranean carrying Palestinian commandos on their way to a raid inside Israel. Six commandos and five crew members were detained aboard the 500-ton cargo ship, an army spokesman said. He identified the vessel as the Selenic, registered in Cyprus. The military spokesman said large quantities of arms and ammunition were found aboard the freighter, which was intercepted "somewhere near Israel's northern region." He would not say when the ship was seized. Just over a year ago, in March 1978, an 11-strong commando unit landed on Israel's Mediterranean shore, hijacked a bus and killed about 40 Israelis during a gun battle with security forces. Since then the Israelis say they have foiled at least two further attempts by commandos to land from the sea — one in the Gulf of Aqaba and the other in the Mediterranean.

## Syria warns: supporting treaty affects relations with Arab World

ASSOCIATED PRESS, April 2 (R) — Syria today that support for the peace treaty by the Arab World would adversely affect its relations with the Arab World.

A warning was conveyed to the ministry here to be told of its intention to impose sanctions by an Arab foreign and ministers' conference in d, official sources said.

State-run Damascus Radio also attacked the visit to Syria by Prime Minister Menachem Begin while demonstrating in two Syrian cities in protest against the trea-

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official, who declined to be told Reuters that his country cut all links with Egypt, closing borders and can- verifying rights.

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Egypt, but if material support is asked for we will not hesitate to give it," the official said.

The Tripoli government did not consider this to be interference in Egypt's internal affairs as "the Arab revolution is one movement, which must be supported wherever it shows its existence."

The official said his government did not plan a unilateral oil boycott against the United States or other countries which had welcomed the bilateral Israeli-

## Troops, Turkoman tribes battle despite ceasefire

GONBAD KAVUS, Iran, April 2 (R) — Hundreds of Iranian troops dug in around this key town near the Soviet border tonight as pro-government militiamen battled with Turkoman tribesmen despite an announced ceasefire.

Heavy automatic rifle-fire and the steady pounding of grenade launchers could be heard at 6 p.m. (1430 GMT) — two hours after Iran Radio announced that the two sides had stopped fighting.

At least eight army Scorpion tanks and many armoured per-

sonnel carriers moved into position around this small north-eastern market town, their guns pointed towards its ancient funerary tower in the heart of the Turkoman area, local militia chief said.

The militiamen said they had lost 50 troops in the fighting so far and estimated that 150 Turkoman guerrillas had died.

But with bodies still lying in the three-lined streets and ambulances unable to drive through the no-man's-land between the militia and Turkoman district, independent confirmation of this figure was impossible.

Both sides appeared to be ignoring the latest ceasefire in the rebellion by tribesmen seeking greater self-rule. Several truces had been proclaimed by the radio last week, but the fighting went on nevertheless.

Today's ceasefire was supposed to have gone into effect at 4 p.m. one hour after a deadline set yesterday by the government in Tehran. It threatened army intervention unless the shooting stopped.

But soon after the start of the announced ceasefire, never confirmed by the Turkoman side, Islamic guards and Turkoman tribesmen started pounding their rifles on every car entering the town.

Hundreds of troops and Islamic militia were dug in around Gonbad Kavus tonight. Men in steel combat helmets trained their rifles on every car entering the town.

There was no confirmation of the company's report from the Federal Nuclear Regulatory

Commission (NRC).

Earlier today scientists said they hoped to carry out a critical operation aimed at reducing the risk of a possible explosion, which though non-nuclear, could scatter radioactive debris over a wide area.

The scientists reported that the plant, damaged last Wednesday when a cooling system failed, was beginning to cool down.

State officials were preparing plans to evacuate 24,000 people from a five miles radius of the plant. If the situation warranted it, the figure could go as high as 637,000 people from a 20 miles radius.

President Carter, reflecting the anxiety felt by millions of Americans over the leak, said on a flying visit to the plant yesterday that health and safety should be the main concern. "If we make an error, it should be on the side of caution and safety," he said.

The U.S. government's chief scientist at the plant, Harold Denton of the NRC admitted that the hydrogen bubble problem had not been anticipated in designing the reactor.

Waldheim urges calling USSR into ME peace process

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## Regional Briefs

JORDAN, April 2 (R) — Informed Egyptian sources said today that a senior Egyptian official at the Soviet embassy in Cairo had asked to leave the country for spying, but the report could officially be confirmed. The Egyptian foreign ministry refused to comment and the Soviet embassy said: "We are neither denying nor confirming. The embassy does not normally give this kind of information." The Egyptian sources said the attaché was asked to leave for obtaining information about Egypt's military build-up along its border with the Libyan Arab World. The attaché declined to name the attaché. The Egyptian diplomatic mission has two assistant military attachés, Col. Youssouf Doulenco and Commander Youssouf Pereverzev.

JORDAN, April 2 (R) — Saudi Arabia will help Lebanon to re-establish control over South Lebanon and stabilise the situation, Prime Minister Salim Hoss said today. The Lebanese prime minister was speaking to reporters on his return from a short visit to Saudi Arabia during which he discussed questions of mutual defence and Middle East developments, including the signing of a Jordan-Israeli separate peace treaty. Dr. Hoss said Saudi Arabia had affirmed they would extend all possible help to Lebanon's efforts to regain control over South Lebanon with the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL).

JORDAN, April 2 (R) — The Greek Catholic Archbishop, Hilarius, who served three years of a 12-year sentence in an Italian prison for gun-running for Palestinian commandos, had a meeting today with religious revolutionary leader Ayatollah Khomeini in the holy city of Qom, Iran. Radio said the archbishop was released from prison in Israel in 1977, under an agreement between the Vatican and the Israeli government. He was assigned as "visitor" to the Melchite communities in America, but returned recently to the Middle East allegedly with Vatican permission. While in Israel, he was formerly the Vicar of the Greek Catholic Melchites in occupied Jerusalem.

JORDAN, April 2 (R) — Some 27 members of the Iraqi armed forces have been detained on suspicion of trying to form communist cells, a leader of the country's ruling Ba'ath Socialist Party said in an interview. Naim Haddad, a member of the Ba'ath Party, said he was quoted by the London-based Arabic language newspaper Al-Dustour as saying Iraqi law would be applied against those found guilty. The disclosure of the recent arrests amid a government crack-down on the Iraqi Communist Party (CP), one of the few such parties officially sanctioned in the world.

JORDAN, April 2 (AP) — The fire at the offshore oil-well near the Abu Ali continued for the second day Monday and Saudi Arabia's Deputy Oil Minister said foreign experts have been helping put it out. Deputy Oil Minister Fahd Abul Kheil said it would not affect the daily production of Aramco, the giant American oil consortium responsible for exploiting oil almost exclusively, even though it may take weeks to put the blaze. Abu Ali island is 40 kilometres northeast of the industrial city of Jubail, on the eastern coast of Saudi Arabia between Kuwait and Bahrain.

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## Selected schools to double as rec. centres

By Breda Finegan  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, April 2—Starting June 1, Jordanian children are going to be seeing a lot more of their schools than they used to. Following a decision by the Ministry of Education, selected schools throughout the country will be reopening their doors during the afternoon for children to use as recreational centres.

Dr. Izzat Jaradat, the secretary of the Jordan National Committee for International Year of the Child (JNC/ICYC), told the Jordan Times today that the schools will provide supervised activities for children who are roughly between six and 12 years of age although 12 should not be regarded as a compulsory age limit.

The director of the Karak district has already recommended that 27 schools be used as recreational centres for the Karak Governorate.

Afternoon activities at the schools will include sports, art, reading and games, and teachers will be paid overtime to supervise the children.

Dr. Jaradat stressed that it would not be organised as rigidly as morning classes and that often the teacher would do little more than help a child when asked to do so, organise games and generally see that the children are using the time constructively.

The Ministry of Education will be issuing guidelines to the teachers for the conduct of the afternoon sessions but these need not be used if the teachers are imaginative.

The JNC/ICYC will provide the schools chosen as recreational centres with playground equipment and extra books, games and art materials, so that the schools need only provide the premises and the staff.

The recreational centres will probably be open to children between the hours of 3 and 6 p.m.

Although opening of schools for children in the afternoon is part of the Ministry of Education's contribution to International Year of the Child, Dr. Jaradat said this measure would be adopted as a permanent policy of the ministry.

The director of education in each district in Jordan has already been asked to assess the number

## National News Roundup...

Multiservice financial co. to be set up in 3 months

AMMAN, April 2 (J.T.)—The subject of establishing a Jordanian firm to deal with securities and other financial instruments was discussed at a meeting held in the Central Bank here today. The planning for the new company was initiated by the International Finance Corporation (IFC) which has undertaken the creation of similar companies in 52 countries. The company is to offer a wide spectrum of financial services, especially to the private sector. Taking part in the meeting were representatives of Jordanian banks, credit corporations, insurance companies and money changers. They elected a constituent assembly comprising representatives of these organisations to pursue necessary steps for the establishment of the company in three months.

### Regulations for labourers set up

AMMAN, April 2 (J.N.A.)—The employment of Jordanian labourers in Arab states and the employment of Arab and foreign labourers in Jordan was the topic for discussion at a meeting held at the Ministry of Labour's employment department here today. At the meeting chaired by Minister of Labour Issam Ajlouni it was agreed that the Jordanian government will coordinate with Arab embassies here on issuing of visas to Jordanians wishing to work in Arab countries. This will be similar to coordination procedures already in force between Jordan on the one hand and Libya and Saudi Arabia on the other. All Jordanian labourers will be prevented from leaving the country unless their passports bear a statement from the employment department giving them permission to travel, department head Mansour I'toum said after the meeting. The department will appoint inspectors to make sure that the employment of foreigners in Jordan is carried out through proper legal channels, he added.

### Industrial Development Bank makes two loans

AMMAN, April 2 (J.N.A.)—The board of the Industrial Development Bank has agreed to give two loans worth JD 315,000; the first for expanding a matchbox plant and the second for setting up a plant to provide school scrap books, both of which projects are expected to realise an annual income of JD 33,200.

## WHAT'S GOING ON

### Book Exhibit

The Goethe Institute presents an exhibition of children's books, in German and English, at the Preparatory Boys' School No.1 at Zarqa Camp. The exhibit is in commemoration of the International Year of the Child.

### Children's Films

The Goethe Institute is showing a film for children at Zarqa Camp. It is entitled "The Flying Classroom" (in German with Arabic subtitles), and starts at 3:30 p.m.

### Documentary Films

The French Cultural Centre presents two documentaries on life in the oceans, starting at 5:30 p.m. The first is "Le vol du pingouin" and the second is "La plonge en grande profondeur."

## BRITISH LADIES OF AMMAN

are having a demonstration of

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Coffee morning - Wednesday, 18th April, same time, same place. Toddlers and babies very welcome.

## Jordan helped heal Arab split in Baghdad, Badran tells NCC

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, April 2 — Jordan moved quickly to heal differences which arose during the recent Arab foreign and economic ministers meeting in Baghdad and was instrumental in deciding sanctions against Egypt for signing a separate peace treaty with Israel.

Washington's answers were "broadly indicative that attempts were being made to single out Egypt for a separate agreement with Israel," he said.

The prime minister, who noted during his speech that "Jordan today finds itself at the centre of Arab resistance" to machinations against the Arab nation, said in reply to a question by a council member that disturbances at the University of Jordan over the last three days had been caused by saboteurs in the pay of Zionists.

Over the past few months, Mr. Badran said, the Carter administration made several contacts with Jordan and dispatched several American officials to Amman in an attempt to sound out the Jordanian position and... if possible lure Jordan into joining the negotiations, the prime minister said.

He added that Israeli agents were at work, and the government would not be lenient with them. During the NCC session, Minister of Interior Suleiman Arar spoke about the blast at the explosives depot at Um Al Basatin on March 21 in which 16 people were killed and 38 wounded.

He said the military governor general had set up a technical committee to investigate and determine the causes of the explosion. The committee has ruled out the possibility of sabotage, he said.

Afterwards the Prime Minister said that King Khaled of Saudi Arabia has donated JD 100,000 in aid of those affected by the explosion, many citizens made private contributions and the Jordanian government will cover the rest of the cost of compensating the victims after carrying out a comprehensive study of all damages sustained.

The government will hence forth ban the sale of explosive materials by private individuals or firms.

All quantities of explosives now available will be stored at army warehouses and will be sold to the

private sector for use in quarries, roads and other projects, Mr. Badran said. He pointed out that the government will purchase the available quantities of explosive materials and will not confiscate them.

Also speaking at today's session was Minister of Transport Ali Subeimat, who gave details of the crash of the Alital Boeing in Qatar on March 13.

He said a multinational committee was formed to investigate the crash at the request of the Qatari government.

He said the committee's findings revealed that the crash was due to a violent storm which aircraft was exposed to at a latitude of 500 feet as it was approaching its landing strip number 34 at Doha's international airport.

He said the report revealed that the radar system at the airport was not operative at the time and the control tower could not give details about the weather based on radar detection. Instructions given to the pilot by the control tower were based on vision and not on the radar system. Mr. Subeimat said.

## Iraq to import additional JD 4m. annually from Jordan

AMMAN, April 2 (J.N.A.)—The main resolutions passed at the meeting of Arab economic ministers that ended in Baghdad on Saturday were a total halt of Arab aid to Egypt and suspension of Egypt's membership in various Arab economic and trade activities, Minister of Industry and Commerce Dr. Nijeddin Dajani said today on his return here from the conference.

During his stay in Baghdad, Dr. Dajani held economic and trade talks with Iraqi government officials and signed trade protocols between Jordan and Iraq.

The Iraqi government has decided to increase its imports of Jordanian products by JD 4 million annually through the Jordanian commercial centre in Baghdad, Dr. Dajani said.

He said representatives of Iraqi trade and economic organisations will shortly visit Jordan to discuss ways of further increasing the volume of trade exchanged between the two countries, and, as a result, there are about 10,000 Egyptian workers in Jordan.

He made his statement only one day after Arab foreign and economic ministers decided at their summit meeting in Baghdad to impose sanctions against Egypt for signing a peace treaty with Israel.

## TODAY'S WEATHER

The weather will continue to be warm, dry and dusty at times, with southwesterly moderate winds. In Aqaba it will be dusty with southerly moderate winds and rough seas.

	Oversight	Daytime
	low	high
Amman	17	34
Aqaba	24	38
Deserts	20	37
Jordan Valley	22	38

Mrs. Nicholas Velots, wife of the U.S. Ambassador to Jordan, presented a gift of JD 233 to brownie scout Kathleen McMahon and girl scout Melanie Burnett (R) at the Marine House on Wednesday. The money, raised by the marines through

the sale of raffle tickets, is to be divided equally between the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America in Jordan. After the presentation ceremony the marines served cake and soda pop to the scouts.

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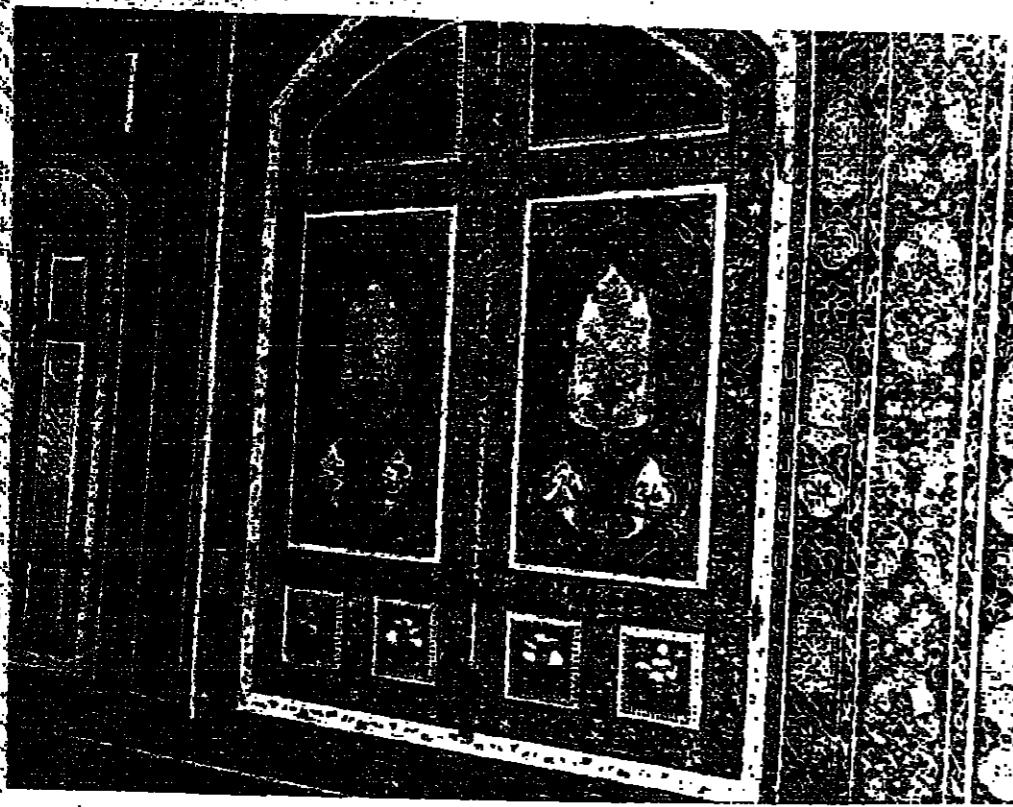
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# Damask: 'Endangered species'?



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the late Damascene painter, Mohammad

Amar, devoted five years to touching up the intricate designs of plaster-of-paris, paste and paint.



men man a 50-year-old hand loom at Beit Nassan, Syria's only extant factory of hand woven Damascene silk.



Photographs of each successive patriarch of the Nasman family—alternating from Selim to Selim—since 1866 dominate a salon flanking the diwan. The pictures of their wives are on the opposite wall. Three generations of the Nasman family live in the residence today.

## IMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

OF COMPANY	Par Value	Volume Traded	Last Buying Offer	Last Selling Offer	Closing Price
Petroleum Co.	JD 5,000	1,299	6.700	6.750	6.700
Cement Factories	JD 10,000	2,088	—	14,000	13,850
Pharmaceutical Co.	JD 5,000	30,297	24,300	25,000	24,300
Bank	JD 1,000	8,667	1,160	1,170	1,160
Gulf Bank	JD 1,000	3,255	1,050	1,060	1,050
awa Development and	JD 1,000	1,960	2,430	2,500	2,450
ent Co.	JD 1,000	372	0,930	0,940	0,930
uminum Co.	JD 1,000	100	—	—	1,000
nion Insurance Co.	JD 1,000	392	7,350	7,420	7,400
Bank	JD 5,000	1,265	—	1,170	1,100
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National Bank	JD 5,000	16,495	6,600	6,700	6,630
mmian Bank	JD 1,000	165	—	—	1,650
Brewery Co.	JD 1,000	140	—	0,700	0,700
b International Hotels Co.	JD 1,000	331	0,738	—	0,720
pinning and Weaving Co.	JD 1,000	—	—	—	—

June traded, Saturday, April 2: JD 66,987  
Number of shares traded: 17,904

Text by Pat McDonnell  
Photos by Samir Twair

Special to the Jordan Times

DAMASCUS, April 2--Historical records, romantic poems and travelers' journals have over the centuries mentioned damask brocades, silks and satins. An indication that the name of the Syrian capital became synonymous with the finest fabrics in the world is that the most elegant wedding gift a Victorian bride could ask for was a damask table cloth.

Twentieth century technology has, however, endangered the future of this prized Damascus commodity.

That is not to say silk will no longer be manufactured in Damascus. Fabrics woven on electric looms—which more often than not are of synthetic silk threads—will continue to be produced in Syria. However, the only remaining factory in Syria which turns out hand-woven pure silk yardage is Beit Nassan located at Bab Sharqi, the eastern gate of the old city.

"Ten years ago 375 employees were working in our silk factory and mother-of-pearl and wood mosaic furniture shop," said a company spokesman, "today we have a total of 62 employees." In 1969 the factory employed 28 men on 14 hand looms, today four men work at two looms. In five years, the Nassan family fully expects its silk producing days to be over.

"We no longer can find young men who are willing or patient enough to learn the art of working a hand loom," the spokesman said. "We pay be the metre of silk produced, not by the hour. A man can weave up to three metres a day at the rate of 18 Syrian pounds per metre -- which isn't a bad wage in Damascus."

"In the past, we produced over 30 designs, today we only use five designs. The most popular is the 'Love Bird' pattern which the Syrian Government commissioned us to create as a gift to Queen Elizabeth II on her coronation."

Pointing to one of the two hand-looms still in operation, the spokesman commented they are relatively new, being only 50 years old. Older looms had up to eight foot pedals resulting in the weaver operating the loom much like a pipe organ.

Beit Nassan is one of the musts on any tourist's itinerary for Damascus. The factory lies outside the walls of the old city, but the adjacent two-storey residence of the Nassan family is within the city walls and is therefore a cultural property that falls under the protection of the Syrian Department of Museums and Antiquities.

The house was already 115 years old when Selim Nassan purchased it in 1866. Eight generations have since lived in the house and managed the factory. The residence is a showplace which the family opens for special parties. Notables who have been entertained here include the Aga Khan and French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing.

Visitors entering through the factory can observe demonstrations of how the silk is woven.

"Not only do we use only pure natural silks, but we use only vegetable dyes so the silk can be hand laundered," the spokesman said. "Hand looms don't have the stress and tension that on high-powered electric looms calls for chemicals and glues to strengthen the threads to prevent them from breaking. Therefore, you can say the silk we're producing today is the same quality as it was 100 years ago."

The result can be seen in the wrinkle-free quality of the silk which even when twisted, knotted and pulled unfolds with a flick of the wrist—miraculously without a crease.

"There still are a few Kurdish

families in the Mohagarine area of Damascus who work on hand-looms," the spokesman said.

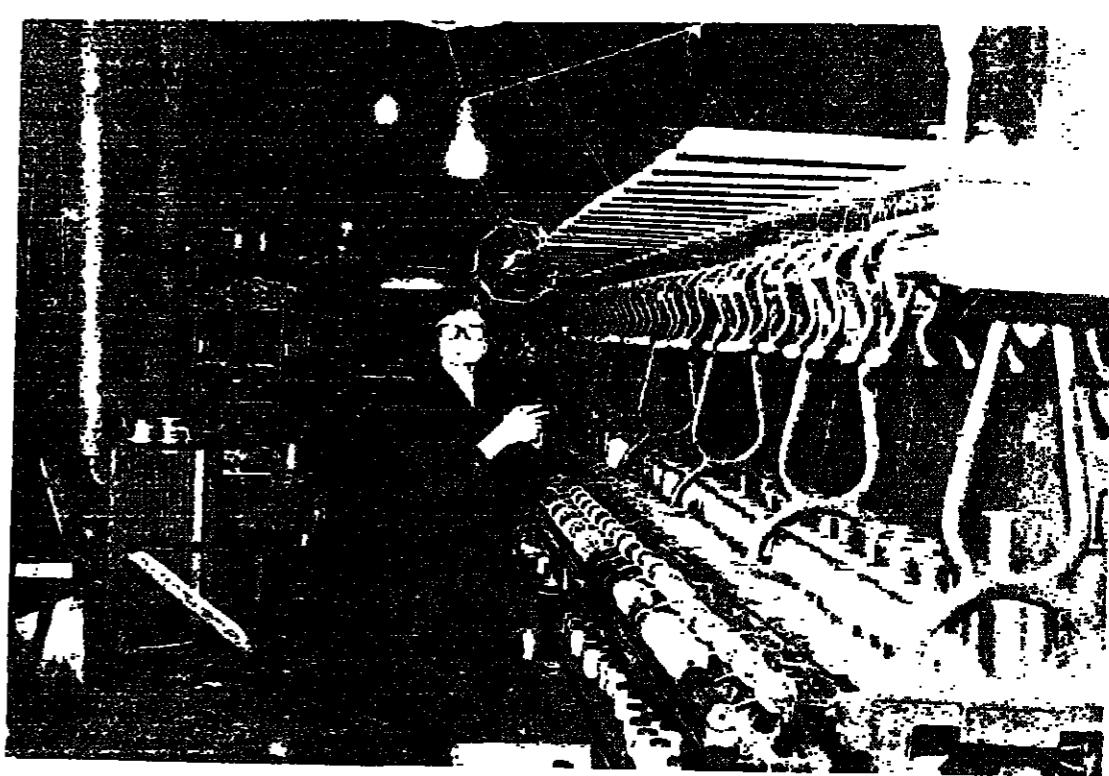
"This cottage industry was comprised of some 1,000 looms 15 years ago. Today there are about 30 such looms, but rayon and synthetic threads are used in combination with pure silk."

Beit Nassan does not claim to be the only factory still producing hand inlaid mother-of-pearl and wood mosaic furniture. Nonetheless, it probably is stocked with the largest collection of antique pieces of this type. Up to nine different varieties of wood, camel bone and mother-of-pearl are in the older pieces; whereas today's work is largely made of coloured plastic.

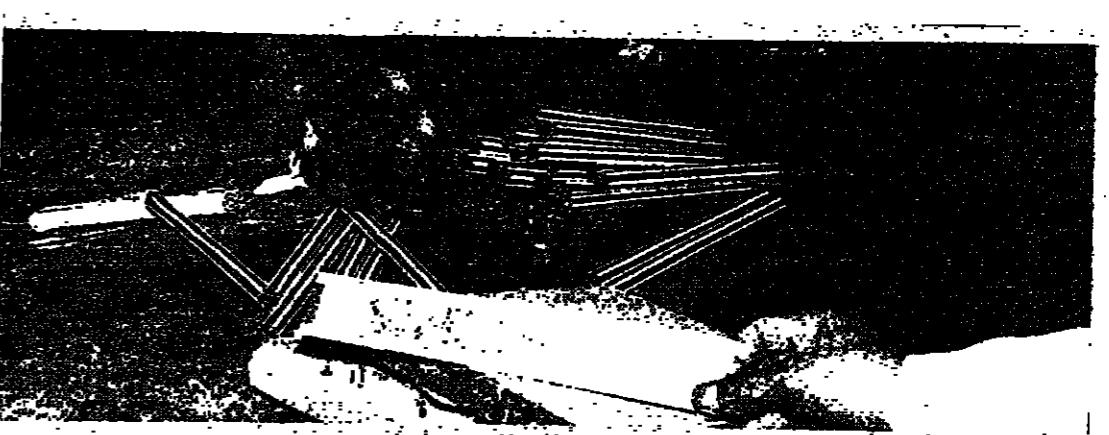
One antique table does everything but tapdance. It is, first of all, a stunning piece of furniture. When it is unfolded each successive layer of mosaic designs makes it suitable as a table for bridge, backgammon, chess or checkers. This particular game table, which sells for 3,800 Syrian pounds, contains lemon, rosewood, olive, beech, walnut, cedar and mother-of-pearl.

Many of the employees at Beit Nassan are regarded almost like members of the family. An example is Habsi Abu Daniel who has been manning the bobbin machines for 60 years. Another employee, Mohammad Nasmi, has been rolling silk threads for 50 years.

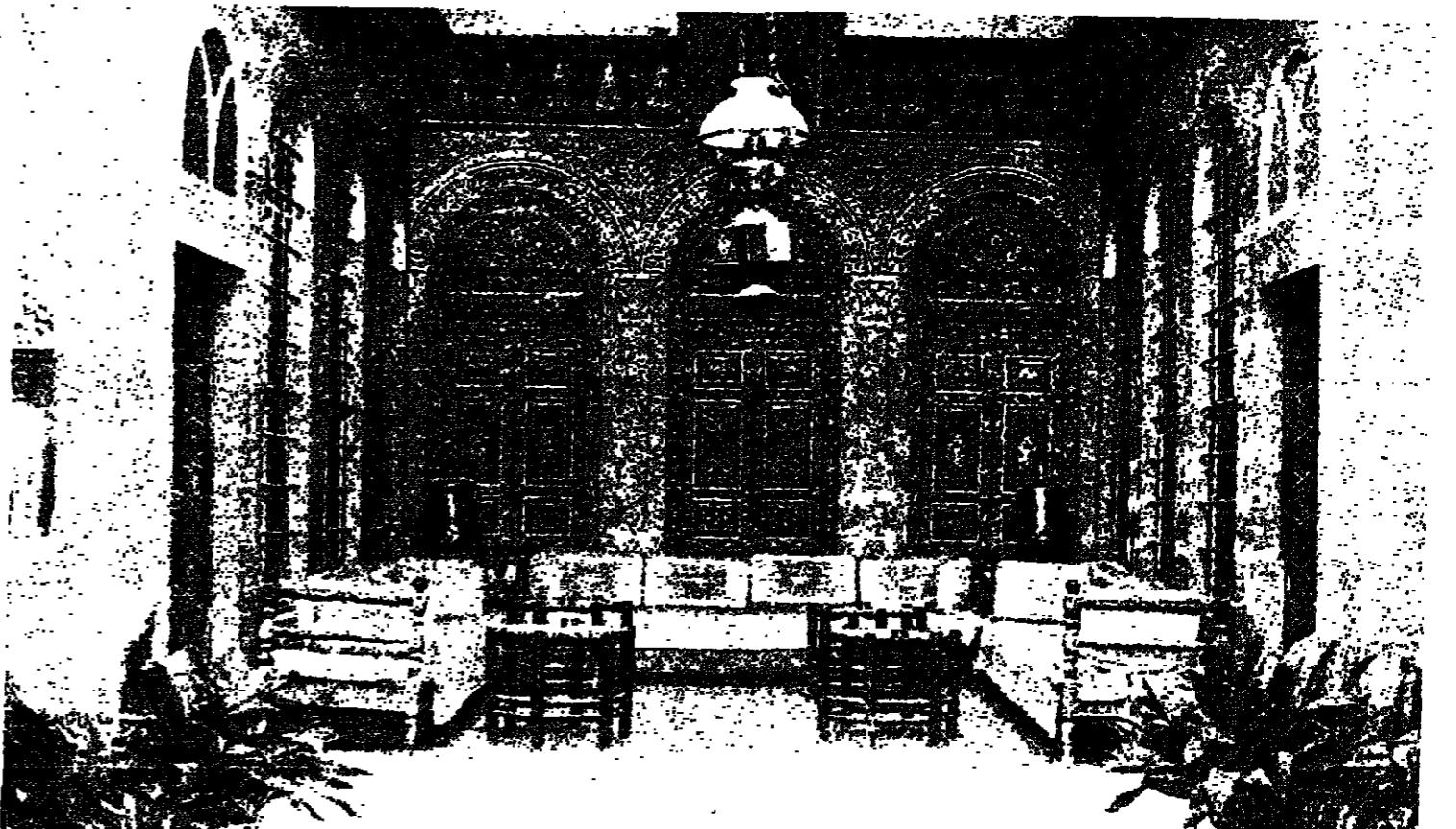
"The problem is their children didn't follow in their footsteps, they've become doctors, dentists and attorneys," said the spokesman, who, on this note, suggested that anyone who wants genuine Damascene silk had better visit Beit Nassan within the next five years.



For 60 years Habsi Abu Daniel has been watching over 70 bobbins machines in the silk factory of Beit Nassan.

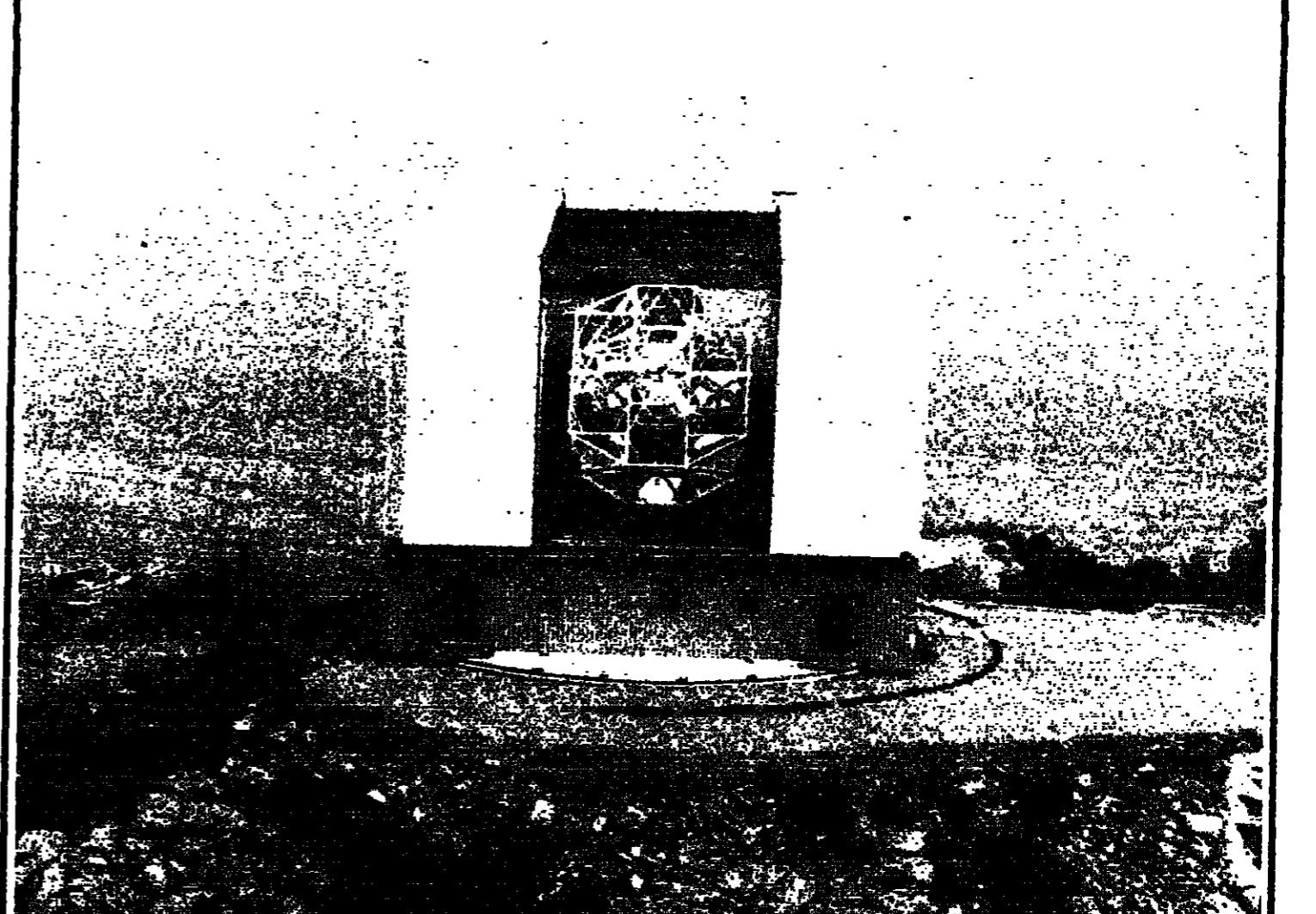


Hand-inlaid mosaic wood furniture is assembled with individual sticks of wood (upper right) which are glued together in one cylinder (right) and then shaved in strips (center foreground) for final application on the wood frame. Fifteen persons assemble about 80 tables in 18 months.



Diwan of Beit Nassan which is opened to visitors of state on special occasions.

## First of a new generation



SKY SCANNER--Nearing completion atop Mount Hopkins in Arizona is the Multiple-Mirror Telescope, first of a new generation of giant optical instruments expected to add immensely to man's knowledge of the universe. The device uses a half dozen 1.8-metre mirrors, focused by an internal laser tracking system, to gather as much light from distant space as a traditional 4.5 metre telescope. In the United

States, only the 5-metre Mount Palomar telescope in California is larger. The six small mirrors are cast, ground and mounted at about one-fourth the cost of one big one. A joint project of the University of Arizona and the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory in Massachusetts, the new telescope is scheduled to be operational in early 1979. (ICA photo)

# JORDAN TIMES SPORTS ROUNDUP

## Rubstic wins Grand National

LIVERPOOL, England, April 2 (R) -- Rubstic -- Rubstic, who galloped on the beach all winter to escape the snow, stormed to a 25-1 victory in the Grand National at Aintree Saturday. But the world's most famous steeplechase was marred when two horses including Alverton, the favourite, were destroyed after falling. The huge crowd was unaware of Alverton's fate as they watched one of the most exciting finishes in the race's 140 year history. Five horses were almost level as they approached the final fence but jockey Maurice Barnes, in the "national" for the first time, drove Rubstic on to victory by a length and a half over 20-1 chance Zongalero, ridden by Bob Davies. Only seven of the 34 starters finished the four and a half miles (7,250 metre) race. Nine came down off the highest of the 20 fences on the course; "the shaft" when loose hedges interfered with the runners.

## Zambian wins boxing title

LUSAKA, April 2 (R) -- Lottie Mwale of Zambia won the Commonwealth light-heavyweight boxing title when he stopped boxer Gary Summerhayes in the fifth round here Saturday.

## American wins tennis tournament

MILAN, Italy, April 2 (R) -- American John McEnroe continued his 100% success-story yesterday by winning both the singles and doubles titles in the World Championship Tennis (WCT) indoor tournament here.

## Yugoslavia downs Cyprus in cup match

KRUSEVAC, Yugoslavia, April 2 (R) -- Holders Yugoslavia beat Cyprus 1-0 in their European Football Union (UEFA) Under-21 cup match here yesterday. Yugoslavia were on top from the start but the Cypriots equalised twice, in particular -- defended superbly. The only goal came in the 50th minute from Yugoslav captain Vojislav who headed home from 12 metres after a corner by Smita. In a UEFA junior cup match in Porec, Croatia, Yugoslavia defeated Cyprus 1-0 equality for the final tournament. The goal came from Bajdarevic only one minute before the end.

**Former Commonwealth boxing champion dies**

MELBOURNE, Australia, April 2 (AP) -- Former Commonwealth boxing champion Johnny O'Brien was killed in a car accident here Friday, police said Sunday. O'Brien, 42, a Scot, had migrated to Australia about two years after he lost his Commonwealth title to the Australian champion, Johnny Farnham.

## Boxers draw in junior Flyweight title bout

SEOUL, April 2 (AP) -- Kim Sung-Jeon of South Korea retained his World Boxing Council junior flyweight title Saturday with a

draw against Dominican challenger Hector Ray Melendez in a 15-round match at Moonhwa Gymnasium. At the end of the 9th, some 4,000 partisan fans booed the hometown champion, apparently disappointed over his unimpressive performance. In the 10th round, Kim, with his right eyebrow slightly swollen, came out aggressively, charging the challenger over the ropes a couple of times to the cheers of the crowd. A few explosive counterblows by the champion visibly slowed down Melendez' offensive, and Kim appeared to have earned points in the 10th and 11th rounds. In the last three rounds, both fighters seemed exhausted, but the Korean seemed to have a slight edge over the challenger with his combination blows to the body.

## NBA basketball standings

### Eastern Conference

#### Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Washington	52	25	.675	—
Philadelphia	45	34	.570	8
New Jersey	36	41	.468	16
New York	31	49	.388	22½
Boston	26	49	.364	24

#### Central Division

San Antonio	45	33	.577	—
Houston	43	34	.558	1½
Atlanta	43	36	.544	2½
Cleveland	30	48	.385	15
Detroit	29	49	.372	16
New Orleans	25	54	.316	20½

#### Western Conference

##### Midwest Division

Kansas City	45	34	.570	—
Denver	43	34	.564	1½
Milwaukee	37	42	.466	8
Indiana	36	43	.456	9
Chicago	29	50	.367	16

##### Pacific Division

Seattle	50	28	.641	—
Phoenix	48	30	.615	2
Los Angeles	44	33	.571	5½
Portland	44	34	.564	6
San Diego	42	37	.532	8½
Golden State	35	44	.443	15½

##### Clinched division, Sunday's games:

San Antonio 112, Boston 110; Philadelphia 112, Los Angeles 111; Washington 105, Denver 99; Cleveland 114, Houston 105; Portland 109, Milwaukee 107; Phoenix 116, Detroit 105; San Diego 126, New York 116; Seattle 102, Golden State 97; Atlanta 109, New Jersey 98.

## London research helps find cause of rare disease

LONDON -- Doctors in London have helped to pin down the cause of the muscular weakening disease myasthenia gravis. Their work is leading to new methods of treating the disease, and to a new understanding of other diseases which, like myasthenia gravis, are caused by an autoimmune reaction -- by the body's immune system mistakenly reacting against some part of itself as though it were foreign tissue.

Myasthenia gravis is a relatively rare disease, existing outside the Western World where it can affect up to one in 10,000 of the population. The symptoms are fatigue and exhaustion after little physical effort. Some years ago doctors discovered that blood serum taken from myasthenia gravis patients contains antibodies to the receptor sites on muscles which respond to signals from nerves. They also found that myasthenia patients have fewer of these receptor sites.

Antibodies are the protein compounds normally formed by white blood cells to neutralise foreign organisms or toxins entering the body. Muscle receptor sites respond to a chemical stimulus -- that of the neurotransmitter acetylcholine -- which is released from branching nerve endings embedded in the muscle end. The acetylcholine molecules fit into the receptor sites like keys into locks. They provide a very specific stimulus which makes the muscle contract in accordance with instructions sent ultimately from the brain.

For some reason -- still unknown -- it appears that myasthenia gravis patients form antibodies to the specific structures of their receptor sites as though these were foreign proteins. Researchers went on to prove that these antibodies are the cause of the disease. They did

this by injecting serum from myasthenia gravis patients into mice, which promptly developed symptoms of the disease.

The next step was to see whether the antibodies were affecting the release of acetylcholine from the nerve endings, or its reception in the receptor sites. Doctors formed the theory that antibodies, by reacting with the receptor sites, might be blocking them. This would mean that even if acetylcholine was being released in normal quantities, much of it would be unable to stimulate the muscle to contract and acetylcholine molecules would be unable to enter blocked receptor sites. The reduced stimulus this would cause would account for the muscular weakness and fatigue characteristic of the disease.

This theory has now received further support by research workers at University College and the National Hospital for Nervous Diseases in London. They have demonstrated that acetylcholine is released normally in myasthenia gravis patients but the numbers of receptors able to receive it is reduced -- thus confirming earlier work by American researchers.

The researchers actually measured the reduction in numbers of unblocked receptor sites. They took a sample of muscle tissue from a patient and treated it with a snake venom. The venom was alpha bungarotoxin, a poison which kills because the venom molecules, like the autoimmune antibodies, fit into the muscle receptor sites and prevent any stimulus being received, thus paralysing and killing the victim.

The molecules of alpha bungarotoxin -- tagged with radioactivity so that their movements could be followed -- found far fewer receptor sites to fit into than normal in muscle

The National Hospital for Nervous Diseases in London where research is taking place into the causes of myasthenia gravis. (LPS photo)

from a myasthenia gravis patient.

The London researchers went on to show that acetylcholine had a much less stimulating effect on muscle from a myasthenia gravis patient than on a normal person. Samples of healthy human muscle showed the same lessening of response when treated with serum from myasthenia gravis patients.

Put together with earlier work, these different strands of evidence amount to proof that it is the release of autoimmune antibodies and their blocking of receptor sites which causes the symptoms of myasthenia gravis.

That is not the end of the story. Unfortunately, it seems likely that the antibodies not only remain for a while in the receptor sites -- they actively damage and destroy them. But treatments exist, and the new knowledge, and more research

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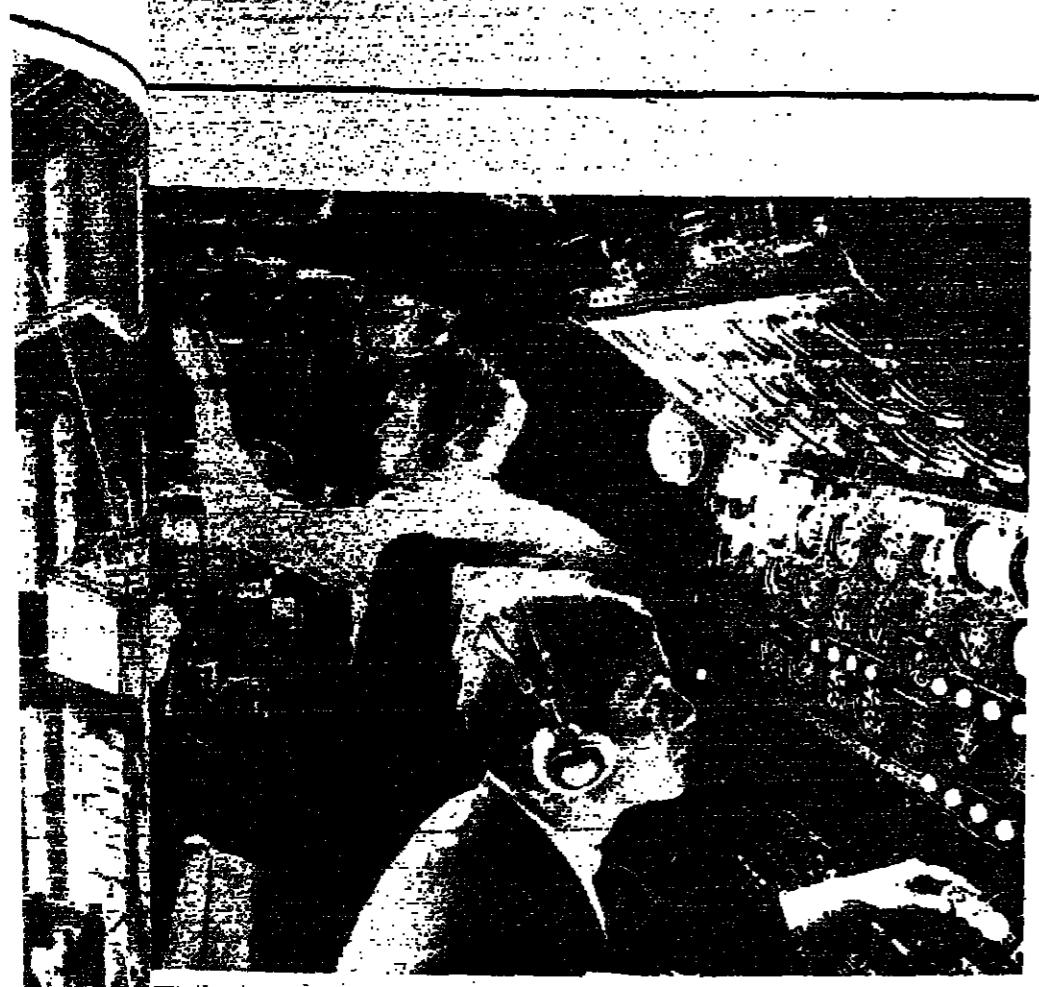
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### Fear of flying

MUNICH—Fear of flying is widespread, yet more people are killed and maimed on the roads than in plane crashes. But no-one ever claimed it was logical. Dr. Rainer Fieritz, a Munich psychologist, recently held a one-week course of evening classes to fight the fear. Relaxation and breathing exercises formed part of the course, information, as here, in the cockpit, another. Six women and four men graduated by flying to the Alps and back. Similar courses are to be held elsewhere in West Germany. (DAD photo)

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would be futile; and the fact that declarer  
was prepared to lead clubs  
from his hand meant that  
that suit posed no threat. So if the defenders were going  
to collect tricks in a hurry,  
spades offered the only hope.

West led his fourth-best  
heart. With a four-card suit  
headed by the queen-jack and  
missing the nine, this is  
technically correct, although  
on the actual hand the queen  
would have been better. Declarer won with the ten  
and led the king of clubs.  
How would you defend?

It was obvious to West  
that declarer held the ace of  
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future in that suit. A glance  
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vince even the most optimistic  
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spades offered the only hope.

There was only one combination in spades which  
would permit the defenders to take four tricks in the  
suit—declarer would have to  
have started with precisely  
Q-3 or Q-6. Even then, it  
would not be good enough to  
shift to any spade—West had  
to lead the ten!

East went up with the ace  
of spades and returned a low  
spade. West captured declarer's queen with the king  
and now had a low spade to  
lead through dummy's nine-  
seven. East thus scored two  
more spade tricks with his  
jack-eight for a one-trick set  
to complete a perfectly  
defended hand.

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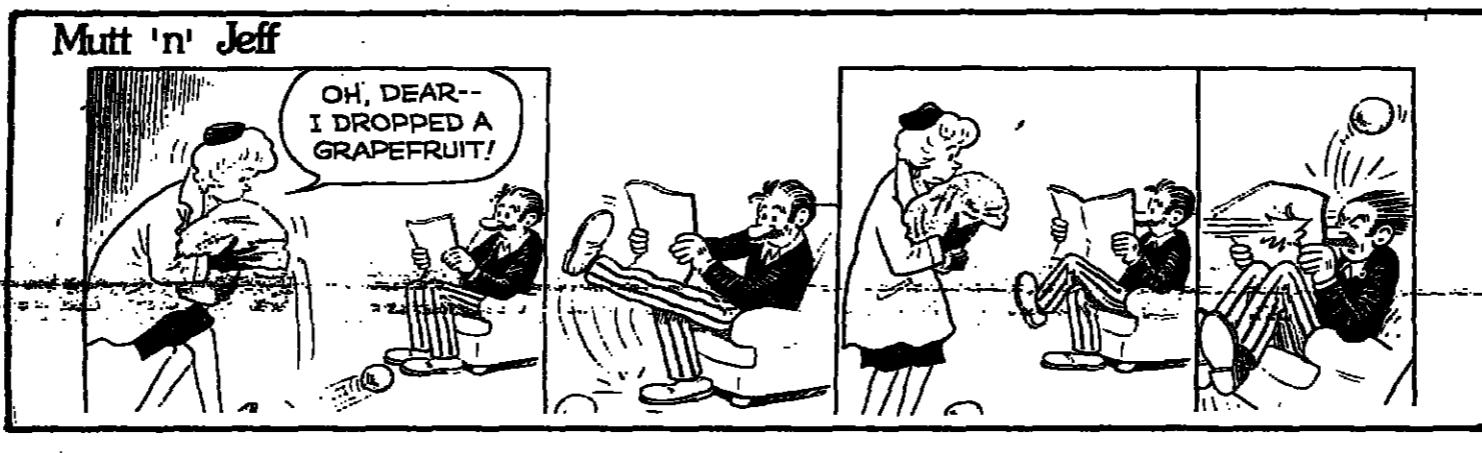
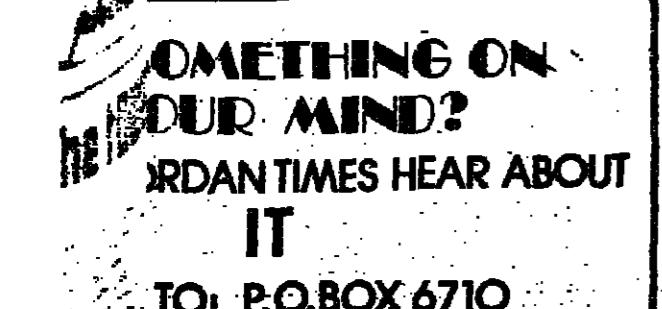
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6:30 The Jeannie  
7:00 Return to Peyton Palace  
News in Arabic  
8:30 News in Arabic  
9:30 Arabic programme  
10:15 Dallas  
11:00 News in Arabic

##### CHANNEL 6:

6:30 French programme  
7:00 News in French  
7:30 News in Hebrew  
8:30 Comedy  
9:10 The Onedin Line  
10:00 News in English  
10:15 Dallas

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03:30 The Breakfast Show  
06:30 News in Arabic  
07:00 Radio music features,  
listeners' questions  
17:00 News Roundup: report,  
opinion, analysis  
17:30 Dateline  
18:00 Special English news, feature  
"The Making of Nation"  
18:30 Now Music USA

19:00 News Roundup: reports,  
opinion, analysis  
19:30 News in Arabic, Americana,  
selected feature letters  
20:15 Special English news  
21:00 VOA World Report  
22:00 Radio America: news reports,  
background features, media  
commentary, analysis

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7:00 Sign on  
7:01 Morning show  
7:02 News Bulletin  
7:40 Morning show  
10:00 News headlines  
10:03 Morning show  
10:30 Faces and Places  
11:00 Top Story  
12:00 Sign on and news headlines  
12:03 Radioteleque  
13:00 News summary  
13:03 Radioteleque

14:00 News bulletin  
14:10 Music  
14:30 In Concert  
15:00 Concert hour  
16:00 News summary  
16:03 Early news  
16:30 Old favorites  
17:00 Country music  
18:00 News Summary  
18:30 News bulletins  
19:10 News Reports  
19:30 Signing off

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04:30 Nature Notebook  
05:05 Finance News: Reflections  
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by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

Unscramble these four Jumbles,  
one letter to each square, to form  
four ordinary words.

**BLACE**

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**USEAT**

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**LAVASS**

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**SCUABA**

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Now arrange the circled letters to  
form the surprise answer, as sug-  
gested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here: "    !"

(Answer tomorrow)

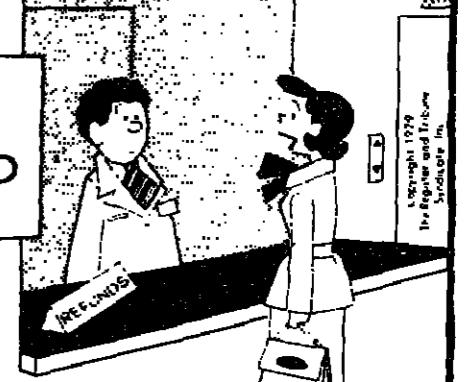
Jumbles: TAKEN CARGO PHYSIC BECKON

Answer: What the garage tycoon called himself—  
THE "PARK KING"

### THE BETTER HALF

By Barnes

**LOST  
FOUND  
DEPT.**



### THE Daily Crossword

by Jordan S. Lasher

ACROSS	30	Proverbial	48	Newton or	18	Alliance
1	2	crowd	51	Construction	19	acronym
Beefy	Highway	warning	Marvin or	piece	24	"There
Populace	34 Aleutian	island	Remick	Concerning	cought to	ought to
5	According	island	Old V	program	be --"	be --"
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10 Furthermore	15 Circa	41 Knotty	61 Epsom —	44 Craftsman	Having a	dull finish
14 Parrot	16 Hawaiian	42 State	62 Not absent	45 Do	Anesthetic	an infant
15	island	43 Vocal	63 —do-well	46 Large	Walk	TV host
17 Old TV	18 Island	44 Earthenware	64 Full of	47 Large	Light beam	ice formations
program	19 bush	45 Skater	cheek	48 " — the Mood	for Love"	for short
beat around	20 the	46 Meditates	5 Manway	49 Trig ratio	Woodwind	Gridiron
the bush	21 bush	47 Yucatan	6 Woodwind	50 Hairstyles	7 Old parcel	divs.
the	22 State	48 Park of	7 Old	54 Contintent:	8 Hairstyles	Extinct
Maple genus	23 Maple	Edison fame	8 Director	55 Scrooge,	9 Craftsmen	bird
coating	24 genus	49 native	9 Jeanne —	for short	47 Large	—The Sweet-
Promise	25 Buffalo	50 native	10 Godard	56 Scrooge,	48 " — the Mood	heart of Sigma —
skater	45 Jacques'	51 native	11 Ordinal	57 Gridiron	49 Vigilant	
28	skater	52 native	12 suffix	58 Extinct	50 Do	
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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

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In preparation for elections

## Rhodesia mobilises civilian reserves up to 60 years of age

SALISBURY, Rhodesia, April 2, (AP) -- Rhodesia's military is mobilising civilian reserves up to 60 years of age in preparation for black majority rule elections later this month.

In a related development, worried parents of more than 50 children are planning to evacuate them to neighbouring South Africa during the election period, the Rand Daily Mail newspaper reported today in Johannesburg. It said the Rhodesian Rotary Club was handling the evacuation.

Some 600 reservists were ordered over the weekend to report for military duty this week and an undetermined number of civilian men aged 50 to 60 were given medical examinations to determine whether they are fit for duty.

The mobilisation began as black guerrillas launched another rocket

and small arms attack against the big fuel depot in the heart of Salisbury's industrial area last night.

No damage or injuries were reported, police said, in the latest insurgent raid on the depot, which was almost destroyed last December when rockets set millions of gallons of fuel ablaze.

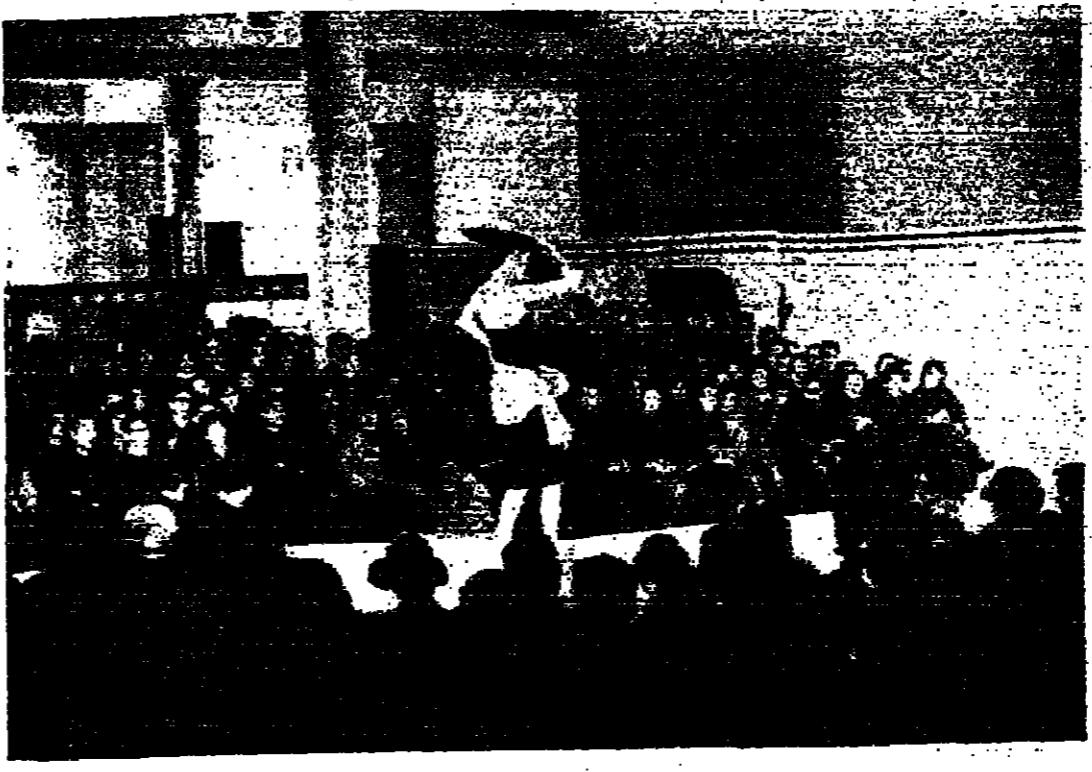
Guerrilla leaders have vowed to sabotage the elections this month, claiming that black candidates are simply "stooges" who will let Rhodesia's white minority continue 90 years of white domination from behind the scenes.

Police said "a very great blanket of security" will be thrown over all urban centres during the election period to protect women and children while the men are on military duty.

The exact dates of the election are being kept secret for security reasons, but observers say the voting is expected to begin on April 17 and end on April 20.

Lieutenant-General Peter Walls, the country's supreme military commander, warned yesterday that April is the key point. "We are now entering a phase which is more crucial than any other," he said.

Hotels, hurt by a drop in tourism after two civilian aircrafts were downed by guerrilla fire, have filled up as hundreds of foreign journalists began arriving here for the election.



### Peking show-stopper: Fashions by Cardin

Courtesy Pierre Cardin obtained great success among the guests at his recent 1979 presentation in one of Peking's big hotels. (Gamma photo)

## 104 Viet refugees drown off Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, April 2 (R) -- A crowded Vietnamese refugee boat overturned, drowning 104 people, as it was being towed out to sea by a Malaysian police patrol vessel on Saturday, a United Nations agency said today.

The boat had been denied permission to land on Malaysia's east coast, although ten people had died on the hazardous voyage from Vietnam.

The Asian representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Mr. Rajagopal Sampathkumar, said it was an unnecessary tragedy and he would make strong representations to the government in Kuala Lumpur.

There were 217 people on board the craft when it capsized off Mersing Port in Malaysia's

### Italy dissolves parliament

ROME, April 2 (R) -- Italian President Sandro Pertini today dissolved parliament following the defeat of Mr. Giulio Andreotti's government in a senate vote of confidence, a presidential spokesman said. He was expected to announce the date for an early general election tomorrow.

The 82-year-old president

signed the decree dissolving Italy's seventh and shortest-lived legislature since the war after meeting the speakers of the two houses of parliament.

The old parliament was formed following inconclusive elections in June 1976 in which the Christian Democrats polled just four per cent more than their communist rivals.

Mr. Andreotti's fifth government, a compromise tripartite coalition of Christian Democrats, Social Democrats and Republicans, was defeated by one vote in the Senate on Saturday. The coalition was formed following a two-month-old political crisis over communist demands from ministerial jobs.

Elections, which were not due until 1981, are expected to be held in late May or early June.

## Economic News Briefs

### Lufthansa signs contract for 25 Airbuses

COLOGNE, West Germany, April 2 (R) -- The West German airline Lufthansa today signed a contract for 25 European A-310 Airbuses at a cost of \$800 million. Lufthansa has also taken an option for a further 25 A-310's, which seat 200 passengers. The five-nation Airbus consortium will deliver the planes between 1983 and 1990. The Airbus Industrial consortium groups leading aircraft builders in France, West Germany and Britain as main partners, with firms from Holland and Spain also participating. The Lufthansa order is another big boost to the wide-bodied European airliner which has faced stiff competition from American aircraft companies. The breakthrough came in the United States last year when Eastern Airlines bought 20 airbuses and took options on 20 more in a \$780 million contract. Last month, Swissair signed a contract to buy ten Airbuses with an option on 10 more. The twin-engined aircraft now has a good commercial base, particularly in Europe and Asia with some 25 companies using or ordering them.

### Romania, China aid Burundi's development

BUJUMBURA, Burundi, April 2 (AP) -- A five-year joint Burundi-Romania agriculture development plan has just been launched in an area bordering Lake Tanganyika. The plan is aimed at increasing production of corn, peanuts, soybeans, cotton, coffee and milk on 7,000 hectares. A joint company has been set up by Romania and the Burundi Government. Romania will supply farm equipment and a maintenance shop. Burundi will provide buildings and some equipment. China is also taking part in the development of Burundi, with some 1,000 technicians now in the country. Chinese are completing a textile plant due to start operating early next year. Its full capacity will be nine million metres of textile material a year, using 2,100 tons of local cotton production. Chinese are also taking part in the construction of a hydro-electric plant on River Mugere, 20 kilometres south of Bujumbura, also due to be in operation next year. Burundi now has to import electric power from neighbouring Zaire. Burundi is one of the poorest countries in the world. Its gross national product is about \$120 per person annually.

### Japan to give Central African Empire \$2.36 m.

TOKYO, April 2 (AP) -- Japan has agreed to provide the Central African Empire with 500 million yen (\$2.36 million) in free aid to buy road construction equipment, the Foreign Ministry announced today. The announcement said a note on the aid was exchanged in Bangui between Deputy Japanese Ambassador to the Central African Empire Shoji Komachi and the Empire's Deputy Minister of Planning Simon Narcisse Bozanga. Industrial development in the African nation has been hindered by a lack of adequate transportation facilities.

### China said interested in diesel engine plant

SINGAPORE, April 2 (AP) -- China is interested in setting up a plant to manufacture diesel engines, Mr. Keith Mazurek, president of the components group of International Harvester, said here today. "The Chinese have shown a lot of interest in our firm designing and tooling an engine plant that would manufacture about 100,000 diesel engines gradually to be used as part of construction equipment, agricultural equipment and in trucks," he said. "We have sent a team to China and are holding discussions with the Chinese," he added. He told a news conference that a subsidiary has been set up in Singapore to provide parts for the Harvester range of construction, agricultural and transport equipment to Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Laos, Hong Kong, Korea, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Bangladesh, Burma and the Philippines. The parent company has won a contract to supply construction and agricultural equipment costing \$2.5 million to Laos. He also said his firm would be interested in doing business with Vietnam if there is normalisation of diplomatic relations between the United States and Vietnam.

## Scandal of India's 'under trials'

By R.K. Sharma

NEW DELHI -- Indians were stunned a couple of months ago when a member of the Police Commission revealed that thousands of men, women and children of all ages had been in jail for periods up to ten years without ever being sentenced.

Most of them are illiterate and without any money, and that seems to be the main reason for their detention. Having been arrested by police on some charge, they cannot find anyone to stand bail for them, so they must rot in jail until they are sentenced or freed--and this process takes an inordinate long time in India.

At least when Mrs. Indira Gandhi threw thousands of her political opponents in jail in June 1975, she was acting legally. The Maintenance of Internal Security Act, or MISRA as the notorious and much-abused law is known, was invoked by the former Indian prime minister for the mass "preventive detention" with which she began her emergency rule.

No such law exists to excuse the present incarceration of an estimated 82,000 people in the country's 1,219 overcrowded jails. The unfortunate "under trials", as

they are known in official parlance, have been waiting for years for the criminal charges under which they were originally arrested to be heard. In the case of some, even the authorities do not know what the original charge was--they have been in jail and bothered about them.

Without any money to furnish bail, and lacking friends or relatives to stand surety for them, the thousands of "under trials" had little hope until Mr. K.J. Rustamji, a member of the Police Commission, wrote about his findings in two jails in the violence-racked state of Bihar. His harrowing account moved a woman lawyer, Mrs. Pushpa Kapila Hingorani, to intercede on their behalf. Finding an obscure legal precedent, she filed habeas corpus petitions on behalf of 17 "under trials" in Bihar. The Supreme Court promptly ordered their release.

Later, also at Mrs. Hingorani's instance, the Supreme Court ordered the central government administration in New Delhi and eight state governments to release immediately all prisoners who were in jail without trial for periods that exceeded the maximum sentence they would have

got if convicted. The court ruled: "Such a detention is clearly illegal and in violation of the fundamental rights of the Constitution."

Since it is the fundamental right of any Indian to obtain a speedy trial if arrested on a criminal charge, the Supreme Court further ruled that anyone who had been jailed for periods exceeding half the maximum punishment they might eventually have got should be released by magistrates on personal bonds.

This gives the "under trials" some hope. But how effective the Supreme Court ruling will remain to be seen. The Bihar State Government delayed the release of the 17 for whom the habeas corpus petition was successfully made. The "under trials"

are usually destitute and illiterate with no knowledge of legal procedures. So it is quite possible that unless someone takes an interest in them, they may well continue to languish in jail.

Mr. Rustamji's accounts of the plight of the "under trials" shows the judicial system has no respect for age, sex or the nature of the offence. For instance, Mr. Gulshan Rai is 80 years old and has been in Mazaffarpur jail in Bihar for ten years. If he were to be let out of jail, he would probably die of shock", says Mr. Rustamji. Another inmate, Mr. Lalji Pande, has also been there for ten years on a charge of kidnapping a girl--who is also in the same jail. They now want to get married, but this is impossible until the law takes its course.

## World News Briefs

Giscard d'Estaing to visit USSR this week  
MOSCOW, April 2 (AP) -- French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing's state visit to the Soviet Union has been rescheduled 26-28, the Soviet news agency Tass reported today. The president's original visit, slated for March 29-31, was called off last minute after Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev came down with a serious bout of influenza, sources said. The 72-year-old leader's latest illness fueled fresh speculation among Westerners in Moscow over Mr. Brezhnev's health. But the new Giscard d'Estaing visit indicates that Kremlin officials believe Mr. Brezhnev to be recovering from his illness by later this month.

### Portugal protests execution in Mozambique

LISBON, April 2 (R) -- Portugal has protested to Mozambique's Foreign Ministry over the execution of a 16-year-old, Mr. Rui Manuel Nunes da Silva, a Mozambican with Portuguese citizenship, was executed two days ago. Found guilty at a two-day trial of treason and sabotage, he had vigorously protested and had asked the authorities why the Portuguese ambassador in Mozambique was allowed to visit the condemned man. Portugal, which has the territory, warned that the behaviour of Mozambique has grave implications for future relations between the two. It also sought assurances that in future all Portuguese in Mozambique prisons would receive Portuguese consular

### Pope lashes out at recent acts of violence

VATICAN CITY, April 2 (AP) -- Pope John Paul II lashed out at what he called recent "episodes of crime" which took place in Rome, London, Holland and Spain in somber tones a strong of 100,000 convened in St. Peter's for his noon blessing, the Pontiff said in Italian: "The criminal violence which have taken place recently in Rome, Holland, Spain and elsewhere have caused deep suffering to all those who have Christian feelings of respect for God." Vatican officials said the Pope was referring to British Ambassador to the Hague Sir Richard Sykes, a member of the British Parliament Mr. Alastair Neave, a Schettini, a Christian Democrat member of Rome's parliament. His words were also interpreted as referring to a former mayor of Bilbao, Spain, by Basque separatists. "express my deep deploration," the Pope said, "for the atrocious crimes that offend man's dignity and honour everybody understand that it is not through hatred and a just and well-established society can be constituted."

### Japanese group begins anti-nuclear campaign

TOKYO, April 2 (AP) -- A group of ten environmentalists anti-nuclear power plant campaign yesterday following a reactor accident at Three Mile Island Power Plant in Pennsylvania. In downtown Tokyo, the group appealed to passers-by for a campaign for an immediate halt to the operation of all plants in Japan. The environmentalists told passers-by that in the United States showed that nuclear power is dangerous. "No one can deny the possibility that a similar accident could happen in Japan," as Japan now has 59 nuclear power plants, said a group spokesman. The group will send a letter to Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira and presidents of companies, urging them to suspend the operation of all power plants and scrap all plans to build nuclear power plants. Meanwhile, the group will ask about 300 environmentalist and consumer organisations throughout the campaign.

## Author of banned H-bomb article give 2 'compelling reasons' for publication

NEW YORK, April 2 (R) -- The author of an article on the hydrogen bomb, banned for publication by a federal judge, today listed what he called two "compelling reasons" why the article should be published.

Mr. Howard Morland, author of "The H-bomb Secret," prepared for The Progressive magazine, made his assertion in a guest column for Newsweek. The U.S. Government acted to restrain The Progressive, based in Madison, Wisconsin, from publishing Mr. Morland's article for "national security" reasons.

"There are two compelling reasons not to submit to censorship," Mr. Morland wrote. "One is that it is urgently important to uphold the principle of freedom from government interference with public debate, and the other is that the information itself is essential to understanding

the extreme costs of nuclear weapons."

Mr. Morland convinced that the H-bomb was not

"No one had information to select the right mass of widely scattered plutonium."

But he wrote, "say that knowing we will not enable a thermonuclear does not also resources of a sophisticated government."

Mr. Morland, the supreme Court in the case, it may the Atomic Energy Commission to regulate the subject. Compressive Office

### The return of democracy has done little to ease the plight of an estimated 82,000 people languishing in Indian jails, some of whom have been awaiting trial for ten years. There are cases where the original charge has been forgotten.

An aged woman, Miss Jagannathini Koiri, has been in jail for nine years after being arrested on a charge of attempted murder. For seven years she had her son with her until he died at the age of 12. Miss Jaakki Devi, an "intolerable" girl whom Mr. Rustamji describes as a "dark beauty, frightened, shy, trembling", has been in jail for seven years on a charge of infanticide. With her is her eight-year-old son, who has spent almost his entire life in jail.

Even more tragic is the case of Miss Iwaree Ahir, a woman who does not know why she is in jail. Nor does the jail authorities. The police say vaguely that she is imprisoned because she did not appear a summons to appear as a witness. For this unproven offence, she has spent five years in prison, so far. Her four-year-old daughter lives with her in jail and has never known any other home.

The problem, Home Minister's as many as 44 cases pending before the Supreme Court, a step up to 50,000 cases in the next five years.

"Some of them look as if they have been youngsters wandering over the country, come from schools, and the law has picked them up because the number of cases had to be brought up to a certain level," says Mr. Rustamji. Among the "under trials" are political prisoners--members

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